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- (b) regulating the temperature of said surfactant paste within a range from about 65°C to about 70°C so that said surfactant paste is processable and stable for at least 120 hours;
- (c) charging from about 25% to about 65% by weight of said surfactant paste into a high speed mixer/densifier;
- (d) inputting from about 1% to about 70% by weight of a detergency builder into said high speed mixer/densifier;
- (e) agglomerating said surfactant paste and said builder by treating said surfactant paste and said builder initially in said high speed mixer/densifier and subsequently in a moderate speed mixer/densifier to form said detergent agglomerates; and
- (f) drying said detergent agglomerates.

12. The process of claim 11 wherein said surfactant paste is substantially free of materials which produces a gas when reacted with an acid.

13. The process of claim 11 wherein said alkyl sulfate surfactant and said linear alkylbenzene sulfonate surfactant are included in said surfactant paste in a weight ratio of about 3:1.

14. The process of claim 11 further comprising the step of maintaining said surfactant paste substantially free of contaminant materials having a pH of less than about 7.

15. A detergent composition comprising detergent agglomerates made according to the process of claim 1.

16. A detergent composition comprising detergent agglomerates made according to the process of claim 11.

The support for these amendments is found in the claims as originally filed. These amendments are being entered to bring the claims into conformance with, *inter alia*, 37 CFR §1.75; no new matter is added.

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